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SUMMARY. SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE LUDVIGER HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HE WILL SUPPORT YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION, IN COMING CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. FOLLOW-UP CALLS ON HIGHLEVEL OFFICIALS IN FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER AND TOURISM ALSO REASSURE US THAT ISSUE RECEIVING FULLER CONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE DR. EMIL LUDVIGER HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HE WILL ENGAGE HIMSELF, WITHIN COMPETENCE OF SECRETARIAT, TO SUPPORT YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN EXPO 74. HE PROMISED TO PERSONALLY FOLLOW MATTER UNTIL FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN, REMAINING IN CONTACT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN CULTURAL, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC AREAS WHICH WILL ALSO PLAY ROLE IN DECISION.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL FOR TOURISM OF VOJISLAV DJURANOVIC TOLD DCM THAT TOURISM PROMOTION POSSIBILITIES OF EXPO '74 SEEMED QUITE INTERESTING, AND DESCRIBED EXHIBIT HE ENVISAGES SHOWING YUGOSLAV ADRIATIC SHORE AS EXAMPLE OF PRESERVATION

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OF NATURAL AND HISTORIC RICHES. HE NOTED TIME WAS SHORT

FOR FINDING \$1000,000 WHICH, HE ESTIMATED, WOULD BE NEEDED TO
MOUNT EXHIBIT, BUT PROMISED TO GET IN
TOUCH FORTHWITH WITH OTHERS INFLUENTIAL ON ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION.

3. FILIP MARJANOVIC, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS, FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER, INFORMS US THAT MEETING WITH
REGIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CONCERNING 1974 FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS
PROGRAM WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 6, AND THALWHE WILL SPEAK IN
FAVOR OF PARTICIPATION IN EXPO 74. HE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER,
VENTURE PREDICTION ON OUT COME OF MEETING.

4. OVERALL YUGOSLAV POSITION ON PARTICIPATION WILL PROBABLY
EMERGE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE RESULT.
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